



Clontarf Football Club Pitch Development Work

Over the coming months, Clontarf Football Club is going to go through the biggest development programme in the club's history. Between the end of April and late August the back pitch will be replaced by a state-of-the-art All weather- pitch. Having spent considerable time investigating the options, we have decided on the same type of surface as has recently been installed in Donnybrook, This surface is suitable for all age groups in the club. Unlike older All-weather surfaces, this pitch has received very positive feedback from both players and supporters alike. This development alone will be of huge benefit to the Club and particularly so to the Youth and Mini Section e.g. we will no longer need the DCC pitch on Sunday mornings and there will no disruption to our mid week training slots.

This new All-weather pitch will transform our playing and training areas and we will unquestionably have one of the best playing facilities in the country.

Funding is already in place to complete most of the works. However, given the tremendous opportunity afforded to us by this development, we have decided to also carry out the following enhancements, which will complement the new pitch (and our overall facilities) significantly.

- Provision of an additional Artificial Training Area – this will allow us to maximise the number of teams able to train in the club
- Upgrading of the Floodlighting – our back pitch floodlighting is not of much quality and, by upgrading now, we will be able to extend the use of the new pitch.
- Removal & disposal of the existing mound – this will allow us to move the new pitch nearer to the main pitch and create significantly more space within the training area – making best use of what is currently unusable space.
- Proposed new Terracing between the new & existing pitch.

We would like to invite you to an information session in the club for all our members on Sunday 29th March at 11.1am, where we will outline the plans in more details and be available to answer your questions - all are welcome to attend.

Naturally these works come at a cost and we will only be able to undertake all these enhancements if we can raise the necessary financing by way of donations from all parts of the club . We need to raise a minimum of €210,000 for this. Depending on the success of this appeal, some or all of these additional works will NOT be carried out should the necessary funding not be raised. Over the coming weeks we will be reaching out to all parts of the club to support this venture and we hope that each family associated with the Youth and Mini Section will see fit to contribute. We would like to ask you to donate €150* per family to help us meet the objective and to provide top class facilities for our children. As mentioned we are reaching out to everybody involved with the club.

It is a long time since the Club has made an appeal of this type and we deliberated long and hard before deciding to embark on this course of action. As we enter

our 140th season, this is the biggest and most exciting project that Clontarf Rugby has embarked upon in generations. Rugby in Clontarf is thriving at all levels so let us all pull together and continue to keep the club at the top of Irish Rugby from our Minis & Youths right up to our “Golden Oldies”.

*This is a suggested amount - all contributions are welcome. Clontarf FC is already registered as an **approved sports body** with the Revenue Commissioners under Section 235 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. The club has also received approval for the pitch development project to be designated as a **Sports Capital Project** for tax relief purposes under section 847A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

The tax relief works as follows:

- For those employed in the PAYE sector any donation in excess of €250 is grossed up at the taxpayers marginal tax rate. For example, if a 40% taxpayer gives a donation of €500, the grossed up donation is €833 (€500 x 100/60). The Revenue Commissioners refunds the additional €333 to the club.
- For self-assessed taxpayers and companies, the donation is fully deductible as an expense in calculating profits assessable to tax.

Yours sincerely,

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